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SUBJ: GAIRY RETURNS TO GRENADA

REFS: BRIDGETOWN 680, 689, 699, 704, 717

1. PREMIER ERIC GAIRY RETURNED HOME TO GRENADA MAY 27 FROM INDEPENDENCE TALKS WHICH BEGAN IN LONDON MAY 14. IN TRINIDAD PREVIOUS DAY HE TOLD PRESS HE WAS TOTALLY SATISFIED WITH OUTCOME LONDON TALKS, AND GRENADA WOULD PROCEED FULL SPEED AHEAD TOWARD INDEPENDENCE WHICH WOULD BE DECLARED IN EARLY 1974. HE SAID THAT OPPOSITION LEADER HERBERT BLAIZE "HAS AGREED TO THE CONSTITUTION AND HAS SIGNED IT." GAIRY DISCOUNTED THE PROTESTS IN GRENEADA DURING THE TALKS ( REFTELS) AND COMMENTED " WHEN CAT NOT THERE, RAT RUN ABOUT." HE DISMISSED GRENADA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BY SAYING " IT IS NO MORE THAN ELEVEN BUSINESSMEN."

2. CHAMBER SPOKESMAN TOLD PRESS THAT CHAMBER FAVORS INDEPENDENCE, BUT OPPOSES GOG APPROACH WHICH CIRCUMVENTS CONSTITUTION. HE COMMENTED THAT IT IS NOW BEING SAID THAT ALL MANNER OF SAFEGUARDS WILL BE WRITTEN INTO INDEPENDENCE CONSTITUTION, BUT ASKED HOW THIS COULD BE ACCEPTED AS SINCERE WHEN EXISTING CONSTITUTIONAL SAFEGUARD OF REFERENDUM BEING BROKEN IN IMPOSING INDEPENDENCE.

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3. ACCORDING TO REUTERS REPORT FROM GRENADA, UPI STRINGER ALISTAIR HUGHES ( BRIDGETOWN 717) COVERING GAIRY' S ARRIVAL AT PEARLS AIRPORT WAS " MANHANDLED BY ABOUT TWELVE MEN" WHILE " FOUR UNIFORMED POLICEMEN IGNORED HIS APPEALS FOR HELP." IMPLICATION WAS THAT TWELVE MEN MIGHT BE SOME OF 700 AUXILLIARY POLICE GAIRY ANNOUNCED AT PUBLIC PRO- INDEPENDENCE RALLY MAY 6 WHICH GOG WAS RECRUITING TO MAINTAIN LAW AND ORDER.

4. OPPOSITION LEADER HERBERT BLAIZE TOLD PRESS THAT HMG, WHICH IS KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN DISTURBED BY EXTENT AND NATURE OF PROTEST IN GRENADA DURING INDEPENDENCE TALKS, WILL STUDY GRENADA SITUATION IN FURTHER DEPTH BEFORE DECIDING ON DATE FOR INDEPENDENCE.  
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